

"AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest groups, and public outreach events, by engaging in social action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and by supporting area young women and girls directly. We are one of five branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro St Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:30 - Log in early for networking

7:00 - Meeting begins

Program: **Making Fitness Fun For Everyone!**

Presenter: Lisa Huseman Hale, owner

Z Total Body Fitness (ZTB)

Lisa Huseman Hale has been a trainer for almost 40 years and is celebrating her 10th anniversary this month as owner and creator of ZTB in Fenton. She will engage us in fun, easy-to-do-at-home exercises that are sure to energize us in these dreary days of January! This is an audience-participation program, and you will need an armless, stable chair (i.e., not on wheels) in order to do the stretches and exercises with Lisa. Have a bottle of water handy as well!



ZTB is a unique fitness-boutique experience with 36 variety classes for all levels in a fun, safe, and energized environment; all ages and fitness levels are welcomed. Lisa makes fitness fun, and members become friends that turn into family members. Freestyle format classes are always different and challenging, never boring but always fun, and time just flies by.

Visit ZTB's website for class schedules:

<http://www.ztotalbody.net/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ZTotalBodyFitnessStLouis/>

Link to the Zoom room: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3041753234>

December 4th was an enjoyable day for K-WG members who participated in our outings. We met at the History Museum at 10 a.m. for a docent-led tour of the exhibit *St. Louis Sound*. Afterward, we went upstairs to the Cafe St.

Louis by Pure for lunch in an almost-private dining area.



After lunch and browsing in the museum shop, Deb McWard, Jeanne



Webdell, and Carol Davis McDonald drove to the library at UMSL to attend the open house at the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection of the State Historical Society of Missouri and an interesting tour, which included a display of some of AAUW Creve Coeur's archived documents. Thanks to Jeanne Webdell for always remembering to take pictures.

Kudos - to Kay Meyer, Barbara Johnson, Deb McWard, and Jeanne Webdell

for getting up before the crack of dawn to drive to Ste. Genevieve to sell our pecans at their Community Center Christmas Fair on December 11th. Set up was at 7:30 a.m., and sales started at 8:00 a.m. Several cases of pecans were offered, along with AAUW literature. Thanks for the pictures, Jeanne!

Top picture: Barbara on the left, Deb on the right.
Bottom picture: Barbara on the left, Kay (in an AAUW t-shirt) on the right.



If you need pecans, please e-mail or call Carol. The prices are the same as last year—\$13 per pound for fancy mammoth halves and \$11 per bag of the candied varieties (cinnamon glazed, caramel clusters, chocolate, and dark chocolate covered). We are raising money for our STEM scholarships for senior high school girls at Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Affton, and Valley Park.



Debbie McWard

Membership Chair

We welcome these new members to our branch.



LINN SMYTH

AAUW is not unfamiliar to Linn since she was a member in Houston. She reflects that, in looking back on her college sports and work experiences, she sees the unfairness of so many things that need to be changed for women.

Linn recently moved from Houston to St. Louis where one of her three daughters lives, the other two living in Colorado and Massachusetts. Two of them, including the one here, who works at Washington University, will be making her a grandmother soon. While she counts raising the three daughters, who sound like renaissance women, as a major achievement, Linn also immersed herself in a rather ambitious project to protect 400 or so acres in northern Houston from development and instead, with allies, had the vision and perseverance to see that land turned into recreational land. There is a picture of the boat dock dedicated to her which we'll try to circulate at some point.

Linn was only the second woman elected as a director of the Cypress Forest Utility District, responsible for water, sewer, and trash service to over 2000 entities with revenues of several million dollars.

She was appointed by Harris County Commissioner's Court to the Harris Galveston Subsidence District and was the first woman to chair a committee of that board.

Just when I think I've finished talking about her, there turns out to be more. But we'll get to know her soon and will be able to grill her about past activities and accomplishments. Oh, yes, she paints - mostly furniture, things for children with their names, or themed items to be bid on at charity auctions.

MARY PHELPS

Mary saw our picture in the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* and thought we might be an interesting group to become involved with. She pursued contacting us and, of course, learned she was right. A native St. Louisan, she lives near Kirkwood Park with her husband.

Mary received her B.S. in Speech Correction from Southeast Missouri State and went on to achieve an M.S. in Speech Pathology at the University of Illinois at

Champaign-Urbana. It appears Mary checked off every issue AAUW supports on her membership application, but she especially is interested in fostering education for high school girls.

Her achievements and awards are many. Among them is being the mother of two sons, both Eagle Scouts and one a Ph.D. in computer science and a chairperson of Boy Scouts of Peoria, an Illinois chapter of B.S.A. She was born after her father was elected to the U.S. Congress; she was elected to the student council all four years of high school and was president her senior year. Another elected position was to the Illinois Valley Central School Board.

Mary won two grants for research in teaching reading to at-risk children (Peoria). She also won two grants for teaching oral-motor skills to at-risk children (Peoria). These grants provided her with money to purchase program materials.

She and her husband have moved around a lot, but she seems to always become productive wherever she is. We look forward to getting to know Mary.

BARBARA PHIFER

Since Barbara is out of town and has contracted Covid-19, we'll use her website and Wikipedia information to introduce her. After graduating from Hickman High School (Columbia, MO), Cornell College (Mount Vernon, IA), and St. Paul School of Theology (Leawood, KS), Barbara served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. She served congregations for 41 years throughout Missouri, except for five years in Montevideo, Uruguay, under a dictatorship, an experience which she said gave her "an understanding of the dangers of authoritarianism."

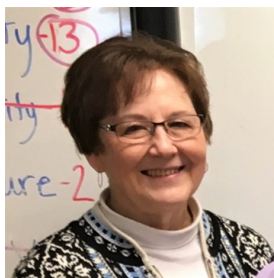
She served many years as a board member and president of Accion Social Comunitaria, a nonprofit providing health care to medically underserved families in St. Louis. Through the Carter Center, she served as an election observer in Nicaragua in 1990. In 2019 she worked with her local church, the Pattonville School District, and Youth In Need to create a counseling center for children and youth who have been affected by the landfill in the Bridgeton area. For many years, Barbara has served as an interpreter for short-term medical teams in Central and South America.

Barbara had not thought about entering politics until after retiring from preaching in 2019. She decided to run for the seat vacated by Deb Lavender who was running for state Senate. She ran on a platform of expanding

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(continued from page 3) Medicaid, improving public education, and supporting gun control and social justice issues such as women's and LGBTQ rights. In 2020 she defeated her Republican opponent in the general election for Missouri's 90th state House district and started her term in the MO House in January 2021.

Barbara lives in Kirkwood with her husband and has five children and seven grandchildren. While her work required her to move around, Barbara now makes her permanent home in Kirkwood.



OUTSTANDING AAUW OF MO MEMBER FOR 2020

Branch Member Lynne Roney received the 2020 Missouri Outstanding Member Award for her outstanding dedication and perseverance, planning the 2020 state meeting (later changed to Zoom), and the cancelled 2020 regional convention. In addition, Lynne continued to work with, modify, and enhance the Missouri AAUW website, Facebook, and Yahoo and Google mailing groups. During the 2019–20 fiscal year, she worked with other leaders to make the Work Smart campaign successful and personally led Work Smart online sessions at the St. Louis County Library. Lynne is a truly outstanding member working for the success of AAUW Missouri. Because of the pandemic, the award was given at the 2021 State meeting held via Zoom.

Department of Homeland Security



Every year, the president typically proclaims January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a time dedicated to shedding light on this devastating crime.

[The Blue Campaign](#) invites you to get involved by taking a simple action: wearing blue.

On **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, you can participate in [#WearBlueDay](#) to call attention to human trafficking and start important conversations about the crime.

All you have to do is wear something blue — an item of clothing, an accessory, an awareness ribbon — and post a photo of yourself with the

hashtag [#WearBlueDay](#) on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram. We wear blue because it is the international color of human trafficking awareness.

To learn more and to help mobilize others to wear blue, please [click here](#).



Turmeric Rice Pilaf with Pecans, Apricots, and Cranberries

White rice is cooked “pilaf-style” with sautéed shallots and a hint of turmeric (which lends earthy flavor and a vibrant yellow color) until tender and

fluffy. During the last few minutes of cooking, chopped pecans and dried fruits are stirred in to gently plump and flavor the rice.

- 1 1/2 cups basmati rice
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallot
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried turmeric or 1 tablespoon fresh turmeric, finely grated
- 2 cups water, vegetable broth, or chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon coarse kosher salt, more to taste
- 1/4 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

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CHALLENGES AHEAD

AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

National AAUW developed an AAUW Strategic Plan 2.0 to update the 2018 plan. The new plan continues AAUW's commitment to education and training, economic security, and leadership with the belief that advancements in these areas will further girls and women in all of society. There is a continued emphasis on STEM. The plan calls for working for solutions to combat systemic, structural racism. With racism in mind, AAUW commits to examining all aspects of operations and programming to ensure that our work centers on racial and gender equity at its core.

Following the strategic update at the National level the Missouri State board wrote an action plan during the summer for the state to follow and identified Branch Action Plans for the branches to use.

At its December meeting, the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Board reviewed the state plan for branches and began working on how our branch could implement the plans.

Always with the AAUW mission in mind, the important issues to be addressed by K-WG as we move forward include STEM, Racism, Pay Equity, and the Votes for Women Trail.

We are fortunate to have a strong STEM program (chair Chris Nobbe) and two of the state Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee members (Kay Meyer and Nancy Hutchens) co-chairing our DEI Committee.

AAUW of MO Pay Equity Chair Pat Shores is shifting the focus of the Equal Pay Advocates from communicating with Missouri state legislators to meeting with local city officials about the gender pay gap. The change is being made because most members of the MO Senate and House of Representatives have not been receptive to discussing the gender pay gap nor bringing bills to the floor. Five bills were filed last year, and some were assigned to committee; but none had a hearing. As the registered AAUW of MO lobbyist, Pat will continue to monitor the equal pay bills in the next session.

She is asking AAUW branch members to focus on equal pay at the local level, noting that we established personal relationships with local officials in 2020–21 when we asked them to support proclamations for the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. We want to build on these relationships and have Equal Pay Advocate meetings. We will share information in support of equal pay for equal work for the women who work in their cities and also help local officials see that AAUW is a trusted source of information about the gender pay gap.



VOTES FOR WOMEN TRAIL

This is a new national project and new to AAUW of Missouri.

Are you interested in history? Do you know of someone in your family who worked for women's right to vote?

If so, this may be a project that you would like to get involved in. The *Votes for Women Trail* is a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS). The trail will feature the buildings, sites, historical markers, and monuments where women's suffrage activity took place in the United States before August 26, 1920. The goal is to create a national trail dedicated to documenting the story of women's suffrage, similar to the Civil Rights Trail.

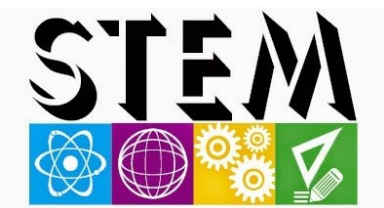
The work starts at the local level. Having specific historic sites to see and visit will help bring to life the enormous grassroots commitment all across this country to voting rights for women. Women's suffrage was a national struggle and part of the ongoing struggle for voting rights for all U.S. citizens that is continuing even today. By honoring the work of hundreds of thousands of participants in the movement for women's suffrage, this project will show how social change happens through citizen action and will inspire future generations to treasure and protect their right to vote.

The project involves researching participants in the local suffragist movement and sites through networking and investigation. There will be some "leg work," but a lot can be done on the computer. ***Would you like to be part of the Votes For Women Trail Project? If so, contact Deb McWard.***

JOIN US IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES FACING WOMEN TODAY!

AAUW Kirkwood-Webster Groves

CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



What Has Happened to Our STEM Award Recipients?

An informal follow-up of the 18 STEM scholarship recipients shows:

- Employed in a STEM field: 3
- Employed in a non-STEM field: 1
- Still studying in a STEM field: 9
- Still studying in a non-STEM field: 2
- Unknown or lost to follow-up: 3

Sample jobs:

- Control engineer at Barry-Wehmler, St. Louis
- Engineer at Patriot Systems, Colorado Springs
- Engineer for a surveying company, St. Charles
- Assistant examiner for Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco

Fields of Study:

- Medical school
- Systems engineering
- Biology and French
- Athletic training
- Philosophy
- Pharmacy
- Psychology and brain science
- Accounting
- Environmental engineering
- Aeronautical sciences

Approximately two-thirds of the total have continued in a STEM field!

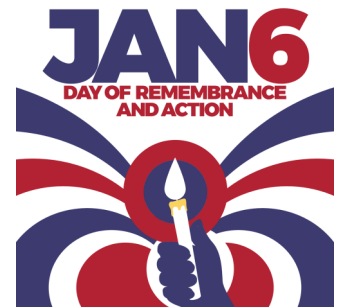
In celebration of our 50 year anniversary, the Kirkwood-Webster Board voted to give a third STEM scholarship in 2022, making a total of three \$500 scholarships the branch will award. The school districts are Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Affton, and Valley Park.

Besides our donations and fundraising to support our local STEM scholarships, K-WG branch members have contributed almost \$75K over the past 50 years to the AAUW Fund (formerly the Educational Foundation).

Join the Vigil for Democracy on January 6

Thursday, January 6
3:30-5 p.m.

Southeast corner of Brentwood
Boulevard and Eager Road



[Please register here!](#) On January 6, 2021, a faction of elected authorities incited armed right-wing militants to attack the nation's Capitol and nullify the results of the valid presidential election. They did not succeed this time, but our democracy is in grave danger. State election workers are facing death threats because of legislators' lies about the election, and several states have passed legislation to allow partisan control of elections.

Join us to:

- [Call on the U.S. Congress to pass the Freedom to Vote Act](#), which includes protections against election sabotage.
- Call on [Missouri lawmakers](#) to vote down legislation that would undermine our elections administration and make it harder for citizens to put initiatives on the ballot. (They return to Jefferson City on January 5.)

AAUW MO is one of 10 organizations co-sponsoring vigils across the state. Signs and electronic candles will be provided at the vigil. Carpooling preferable; parking on the Drury Inn lot by Bonefish Grill.



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1. Place rice in a large bowl. Rinse under cold running water for about 3 minutes, until the water runs clear. Drain.
2. In a heavy-bottomed pot with a tight-fitting lid, melt together butter and olive oil. Add shallots and turmeric and cook until softened, about 2 minutes. Stir in rice and cook 2-3 minutes longer, until translucent and coated with seasoning.
3. Add water or broth and 1 tablespoon salt and stir 1-2 times just to combine. Return the liquid to a simmer and stir one final time. Cover and cook over low heat until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed, 12-15 minutes. Remove from the heat.

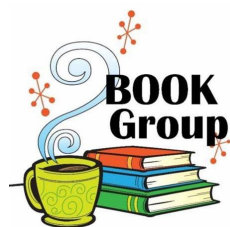
Open lid and quickly add dried fruit on top, then replace the lid and let fruit soften for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, remove lid and stir in pecans, parsley, and green onions. Taste and season with salt and pepper as desired. Serve immediately.

AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

The AAUW St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council (IBC) consists of representatives from each of the St. Louis AAUW branches. The following officers from each branch are voting members of IBC: president, program vice president, membership vice president, and a member at large. All members are invited to attend meetings (quarterly, fourth Tuesday of August, November, February, and May) and participate in IBC activities, which include:

- Planning the Spring Fling luncheon fundraiser
- Sponsoring a student to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- Co-sponsoring the International Lecture Series held at the Ethical Society building
- Sponsoring the ¡Adelante! book group
- Awarding the Barbara Lackritz Service Award

The next IBC meeting will be February 22, 2022, at 7 PM via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. A link will be sent to you upon request.



IBC ¡ADELANTE! BOOK GROUP

This group meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives.

Where: Currently via Zoom

When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month in October, January, February, March, April, May

Contact: Contact Deb McWard for sign-up
Send book selection titles/authors to Teri Brecht
tebrecht@yahoo.com

Jan 27 (1) *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara (Japanese American family relocated to 1944 Chicago after WWII incarceration in internment camp) - and (2) *It's Your World* by Chelsea Clinton (environment)

"SWING INTO SPRING"

Join St. Louis metro area AAUW members to celebrate this year's Barbara Lackritz Service Award recipients, enjoy a wonderful meal at [Catering To You](#), and raise money to support our mission! Each branch will honor one of its members for outstanding service to AAUW. Our fundraising dollars go to support college women students attending AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and IBC's projects such as Work Smart bookmarks, branch informational bookmarks, and tabling events.

Fundraising this year will include a raffle of \$50 total value gift cards based on themes selected by each branch such as "Summer Reader" and "Wine Connoisseur." Ballwin-Chesterfield is donating two sets, so there will be six chances to win! We will also have a 50-50 raffle and a fun way to purchase "pieces" of the NCCWSL funding "puzzle."

And we'll be energized by the toe-tapping music of the local all-girls band, [The Queens of Swing](#), as they play music of the female swing bands of the 1940's--Mary Ann Schulte on piano, Mary Weber on trumpet and vocals, Deborah Thuet on drums, and Barb Paule on bass. You won't want to miss this! **Register now using the form at the end of this newsletter.**

In 2021 AAUW:

- **Inspired** more than 600 teen girls by highlighting exciting opportunities in STEM fields through AAUW's inaugural STEMEd for Girls virtual workshop series.
- **Launched** a new financial literacy program focused on women of color, who face disproportionate and systemic challenges to building wealth.
- **Sparked** critical conversations among dozens of top executives, managers and employees, through a new roundtable series about how employers can foster fair pay every day.
- **Funded** brave plaintiffs like Anne Devan-Song, a Ph.D. candidate who faced sexual and gender-based harassment at the hands of a fellow graduate student.

2022 International Relations Lecture Series



Ethical Society of

St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January through April, in the upper auditorium. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45-50 minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

January 11, 2022

Feeding the Dragon: U.S. Choices and Habits that Contribute to the Growth of Chinese Power



Speaker: Professor Julie Blasé

Julie Blasé, Ph.D., is a professor of political science at Principia College, where she is responsible for international relations courses and focuses on U.S. foreign policy, globalization, and contemporary security. Please join us to hear some provocative ideas about the future of U.S.-China relations from Professor Julie Blasé. The growth of Chinese power and influence has been assisted by the unintended outcomes of U.S. choices. Do Americans want to limit Chinese power enough to change our own approach to economics, leadership, and security?

Coordinator: Susie Teicher

Assistant Coordinator: Kay Meyer

February 8, 2022

Climate Change

Speaker:
Carl Bender, PhD



Carl M. Bender is the Konneker Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Physics at Washington University in St. Louis. Find out the science behind the climate change from Professor Bender. By far, the most serious problem that the earth's population faces is that of climate change. Scientists have been well aware of this problem for more than a century; but in recent years, there have been major advances in measurement and prediction. The latest comprehensive studies are con-

Assessment Report of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was published in August 2021. This talk will summarize some of the recent findings and predictions.

Coordinator: Joan Walker

Assistant Coordinator: Pamela Meyer

March 8, 2022

Welcoming Refugees to St. Louis and a Glimpse at the World Refugee Situation



Speaker: Ariel Burgess, M.S.W.; vice president of client services at the International Institute of St. Louis

Ms. Burgess brings over 20 years of experience and practical knowledge to the field of refugee resettlement, having first started in the field when Bosnians were coming to the U.S. and St. Louis. To date, Ms. Burgess and the Institute have been instrumental in bringing Afghans who were evacuated in 2021 to St. Louis. She will give us a glimpse of the worldwide refugee situation and then focus on refugees already in St. Louis, expected refugee arrivals, and how the community can support refugee resettlement.

Coordinator: Sue Williams

Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Hutchins

April 12, 2022

The Waxing and Waning of Democracy Around the World

The "ominous" decline of democracy around the world



Speaker: Olga Bezhanova, Ph.D.

Olga Bezhanova is an associate professor of Spanish Literature and chair of the Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literature at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Her book, *Growing Up in an Inhospitable World: Female Bildungsroman in Spain*, was awarded the Victoria Urbano Prize for the Best Critical Monograph.

After the fall of the U.S.S.R. in 1991 and the subsequent efforts of countries in Eastern Europe and the Global South to establish democratic regimes, there was a widespread feeling that humanity had achieved what Francis Fukuyama termed "the end of history" and accepted the primacy of representative democracy over other types of political systems. Since then, however,

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(continued from Page 8) we have seen the initial enthusiasm for democracy weaken in Latin America and countries of Central and Eastern Europe. At the same time, well-established democracies of the West have experienced a series of crises that cast doubt over their capacity to preserve fully democratic systems of government. What is the future of democracy? Will it renew itself in the coming years or are we to prepare for continued weakening of democratic institutions everywhere?

What Local “Sister” Organizations are Doing



Healing the Heart of America: Visions for a New St. Louis

Thursday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Program - [Registration is required; please register here!](#)

City of St. Louis Alderpersons Tina (Sweet-T) Pihl and Megan E. Greene will describe their vision for a new St. Louis. Recognizing the historical racial, economic, and social inequalities in our city, these inspiring leaders will discuss their work tackling lack of affordable housing, environmental racism, inequitable education, and high levels of violence. Topics will include the recent Equitable Development Contribution initiative designed to fund affordable housing repair and the Cure Violence program.



Let's Talk About State Courts

When: Wednesday, January 12, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom - [RSVP Here](#)

National Council of Jewish Women and The Leadership Conference Education Fund invite you to Courts Matter Virtual Gathering. Our focus has been the federal judiciary, but state courts matter, too. Our Courts Matter Virtual Gathering, **Let's Talk About State Courts**, will explore the basics about those courts, challenges at the state level to fair state courts, and the interrelationship between the state and federal judiciaries.

Missouri Legislative Session Preview

When: Wednesday, January 12, 7:00-8:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting - [RSVP Here](#)

Are you curious about what to expect during the upcoming Missouri legislative session? Would you like an opportunity to weigh in on our policy priorities for the upcoming session and be an active participant in discussing what the 2022 session might bring our way? Please join us as we kick off the year in advocacy with our legislative preview event, where we will discuss policy priorities for the upcoming MOLEG session with Amy Kuo Hammerman, state policy advocacy chair; Heather Silverman, director of policy and evaluation; and Jen Bernstein, advocacy manager.

Virtual Human Trafficking Lobby Day

When: Wednesday, January 19, 1:00-3:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom—[RSVP Here](#)

Please join us for an important conversation on human trafficking in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness month.

This event is presented by Missouri State Senator Brian Williams, Missouri Attorney General Human Trafficking Task Force, and the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis. There are also plans in the works for an in-person Lobby Day on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

January Lunch & Learn:

Domestic Violence & the Justice System

When: Thursday, January 20 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom—[RSVP Here](#)

Linda McQuary, MSW, LCSW, director of the Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE), will discuss how to prevent and respond to human trafficking during the COVID era and beyond.

Do you have a question about AAUW or our branch, something you have been wondering? Just ask. We'll get an answer. (davis-mcdonald@outlook.com)

AAUW CELEBRATES 140 YEARS



INTERNATIONAL FELLOW RECOGNIZED

AAUW named **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** as its distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee. The award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Dr. Okonjo-Iweala is the first woman and first African to serve as director-general of the World Trade Organization and one of *Time* magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021.

The WTO is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments. The goal is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably, and freely as possible, opening trade for the benefit of all.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala has over 30 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America. A 1977-78 AAUW International Fellow, she received her Ph.D. in regional economics and development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She served twice as Nigeria's finance minister and shortly as foreign minister in 2006, the first woman to hold both positions.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala has worked with countless government agencies, international organizations, corporate boards, and non-profits to make a difference in global environmental sustainability and human welfare. She has received numerous recognitions, as well as honorary degrees from 15 universities worldwide.

She arrived in the US in 1973 as a teenager to study at [Harvard University](#) and graduated *magna cum laude* with an [AB](#) in Economics in 1976. In 1981 she earned her Ph.D. in regional economics and development from MIT with the thesis *Credit policy, rural financial markets, and Nigeria's agricultural development*. AAUW supported her doctoral studies.

Okonjo-Iweala was born in Nigeria, where her father, Professor Chukwuka Okonjo, was the obi (king) of the Obahai Royal Family of Ogwashi-Ukwu. She is married to Ikemba Iweala, a family medicine physician. They have four children, including author [Uzodinma Iweala](#). In 2019 She became a citizen of the United States.



Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is in the back row at the G20 Conference held in November of 2021. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU). It works to address major issues related to the global economy, such as international financial stability, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development.

Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch donated \$140 to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund to celebrate AAUW's 140th Anniversary.

"SWING INTO SPRING"

Honoring Barbara Lackritz Awardees
 Relishing a great meal "out" with friends
 Toe-tapping to the music of [The Queens of Swing](#)
 and raising funds for IBC projects



Saturday, March 26, 2022, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

[Catering To You](#)

[12775 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63033](#)

Buffet Lunch: Garden Salad, Roasted Top Round of Beef Au Jus, Mushroom Herb Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, Homestyle Green Beans, Rolls, Drinks, and Dessert (indicate special dietary needs below)

For more information, contact Deb McWard, debmcward@earthlink.net / 314-607-2908

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Make registration and/or donation check payable to: **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC**

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